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SUBJ: SIERRA LEONE SHRIMP RESOURCE

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1. DURING RFA VISIT TO SIERRA LEONE THE EXISTENCE OF SHRIMP WAS READILY VISIBLE; ARTISANAL CANOE FISHERMEN WERE CATCHING SHRIMP IN THE SIERRA LEONE RIVER AND FRESHLY CAUGHT SHRIMP WAS AVAILABLE IN RESTAURANTS IN FREETOWN. PRIOR ACTIVITY OF COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES WAS MADE AVAILABLE FROM RECORDS OF A SHRIMP PROCESSING PLANT IN FREETOWN. FINALLY, KEITH BRADSHAW, THEN PRESIDENT OF MESURADO FISHING COMPANY OF LIBERIA, TOLD THE RFA THAT HIS FLEETS FOUND SIERRA LEONE'S WATERS RICH WITH SHRIMP. UNFORTUNATELY, HE NOTED, HIS FIRM ERRED WHEN THEY ORDERED THE BULK OF THE SHRIMP CATCH, MADE IN SIERRA LEONE'S WATERS, BROUGHT BACK TO MONROVIA FOR PROCESSING INSTEAD OF USING THEIR JOINT VENTURE FACILITY IN FREETOWN.

2. ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFIRMATION OF SHRIMP STOCKS CAN BE FOUND IN FAO REPORTS OF FOLLOWS: (1) SIERRA LEONE: SURVEY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PELAGIC FISH RESOURCES- REPORT ON PROJECT RESULTS-CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, FI: UNCLASSIFIED

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DP/SIL/66/507, ROME, JANUARY 1973, (2) H. POWLES AND A. A. CORTEN, REPORT ON EXPLORATORY TRAWLING, JUNE 1969- JANUARY 1970, SURVEY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PELAGIC FISH RESOURCES, REPORT NOS. 71/1 AND 70/2, SPECIAL FUND PROJECT 275, FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE, JANUARY 1971 AND DECEMBER 1970.

3. RFA BELIEVES SALE OF 12 DESCO MARINE SHRIMP TRAWLERS

TO SIERRA LEONE WOULD BE A POSITIVE STEP WHICH WOULD ALLOW
SIERRA LEONE TO BENEFIT FROM THIS RESOURCE WICH, UNFOR-
TUNATELY, HAS ONLY marginally BENEFITED THE COUNTRY. IT
WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE COUNTRY TO UTILIZE THE EXCELLENT
SHRIMP PROCESSING FACILITIES WHICH SIT UNUSED AT THE PRESENT
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